

What is claimed is:

1. A digital camera having a still mode and a video mode, comprising:

2 a body;

4 a mode control mechanically coupled to said body, configured to switch said digital camera between said still mode and said video mode;

6 a shutter control mechanically coupled to said body;

8 a first output, configured to output a first signal when said digital camera is in said still mode and said shutter control is depressed; and

10 a second output, configured to output a second signal when said digital camera is in video mode and said shutter control is depressed.

2. The digital camera recited in claim 1, further comprising:

4 a hot shoe mechanically coupled to said body, configured to non-permanently mechanically couple a lighting device to said digital camera.

3. The digital camera recited in claim 2, further comprising:

4 a hot shoe electrical contacts mechanically coupled to said body, including said first output and said second output.

4. The digital camera recited in claim 1, wherein:

2 said first signal fires a strobe.

5. The digital camera recited in claim 4, wherein:

2 said strobe is built-in to said digital camera.

6. The digital camera recited in claim 1, wherein:

2 said second signal activates a continuous light source.

7. The digital camera recited in claim 6, wherein:

2 said second signal is activated when said shutter control is partially depressed, and  
said second signal is deactivated when said shutter control is released.

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8. The digital camera recited in claim 6, wherein:

2 said continuous light source comprises at least one LED.

9. A digital camera having a still mode and a video mode, comprising:

2 means for switching said digital camera between said still mode and said video mode;

means for detecting the depression of a shutter control;

4 means for creating a first signal when said digital camera is in said still mode and said  
shutter control is depressed;

6 means for creating a second signal when said digital camera is in video mode and said  
shutter control is depressed;

8 means for outputting the first signal; and

means for outputting the second signal.

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10. The digital camera recited in claim 9, further comprising:

2 means for non-permanently mechanically coupling a lighting device to said digital  
camera.

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11. The digital camera recited in claim 10, further comprising:

2 means for contacting said first output and said second output within said means for  
non-permanently mechanically coupling a lighting device to said digital camera.

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12. The digital camera recited in claim 9, wherein:

2 said first signal fires a strobe.

13. The digital camera recited in claim 12, further comprising:

2 means for creating a flash of light.

14. The digital camera recited in claim 9, wherein:

2 said second signal activates a continuous light source.

15. The digital camera recited in claim 14, wherein:

2 said second signal is activated when a shutter control is partially depressed, and said  
second signal is deactivated when a shutter control is released.

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16. The digital camera recited in claim 14, wherein:

2 said continuous light source comprises at least one LED.

17. The digital camera recited in claim 9, wherein:

2 said means for detecting the depression of a shutter control also includes means for  
detecting the partial depression of the shutter control.